





Today's  
Advertisements.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "PRINZ HEINRICH."

THE above named Steamer having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before TOMORROW, Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 10th instant, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 12th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [718]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

STEAM TO

YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN."

Captain H. Walter, will leave for the above Ports TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 5th instant, at Noon.

Return Tickets will be granted available also for the Return Voyage by the Steamers of the NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [718]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR."

Captain Asquith, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 5th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [729]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."

Captain H. Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 6th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [730]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH."

Captain H. Engelhart, will leave for the above place on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, the 6th instant, at 3 P.M.

The Steamer is to dock TOMORROW night for passing the bottom and will start for SHANGHAI direct immediately on leaving the No. 1 Dock.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [731]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."

Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [732]

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"STRATHESK."

Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [734]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ACHILLES."

Captain Harvey, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 11th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [735]

FOR BALTIMORE.

THE 3/4 A.L. American Ship

"CENTENNIAL."

Colored, Master, will leave for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [735]

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will be on sale at the Hongkong and Victoria Hotels, opposite the Hongkong Club, and at Potters' Wharf, every Evening from 5.30 to 7.30 o'clock.

PRICE .....TEN CENTS.

Copies ordered from the Office will be charged the usual rate—25 cents.

Advertisements are remitted to the Hongkong Telegraph by far the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East. THIS IS GUARANTEED. Terms on application.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1891.

Today's  
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, the 8th June, 1895.

BENEFIT

OF

D. C. SMITH,

when will be presented SYDNEY GAUNDY'S

A PAIR OF SPECTACLES,

in which the following Ladies and Gentlemen

will appear.

Miss CYNTHIA CARRY, Miss DOT CARRY

and

Messrs. W. G. CAREY, J. B. FRANKIE,

L. LESTER, and D. C. SMITH.

To be followed by

A VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT,

which will bring before the public Hongkong's

Favorites

G. G. BRADY, Esq.,

(who has kindly consented to assist)

and

J. KRAAL, Esq.

Further Particulars, "Later On."

BOX PLAN at W. ROBINSON &amp; Co.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [733]

CONTRACT FOR NEW ROOF ON

BOILERMAKERS SHED AT H.M. NAVAL

YARD, HONGKONG.

PERSONS desirous of TENDERING are

requested to deliver their Tenders Sealed

and Marked "TENDER FOR NEW ROOF,"

not later than 10 A.M. on the 4th June, 1895,

at H.M. NAVAL YARD, HONGKONG, addressed to

the COMMODORE-IN-CHARGE, H.M. NAVAL

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Plans, Specification and all Particulars can be

obtained on application to the "OFFICE IN

CHARGE OF WORKS," Admiralty Office, R.N.

Yard.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [733]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &amp;

COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &amp;c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &amp; Co.'s WATERS are

made under the constant supervision of a duly

qualified English Chemist and will bear com-

parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and

other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the

Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [737]

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO.,

LIMITED.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF

AERATED WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY

is fitted with the best English Machinery,

embodying the latest improvements in the

trade.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the

utmost care and cleanliness exercised in the

manufacture throughout.

The water used is proved by repeated analyses

to be absolutely pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and

placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and

the full amount allowed for Packages and

Expenses when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on applica-

tion.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is

"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all

signed messages addressed thus will receive

prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept

ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SALTZET WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

Tonic WATER

GINGER ALE

GINGERADE

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or

greasy, or that appear to have been used

for any other purpose than that of contain-

ing Aerated Water, as such Bottles are

never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1895.

## BIRTHS.

At Grasslands, St. Thomas Walk, Singapore,

on the 20th May, the wife of J. POZOLAS,

Municipal Secretary, of a daughter.

At Ichang, on the 20th May, the wife of

JOSEPH OLSEN, of a daughter.

At 12, Queen Road, Shanghai, on the 20th

May, 1895, the wife of F. P. BAYTALA, of a

daughter.

At Shanghai, on the 20th May, the wife of J.

A. BERTHE, of a son.

DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the

20th May, CHU HUI-CHOW, sous chef de la Garde

Municipale de la Concession Française, aged 65.

At 175, Queen Street, Singapore, (on the 20th

May, MARIAN DOUGLAS, eldest daughter of the

late William Anderson, of Messrs. Wm. Hall &amp;

Co. of Penang, aged 67 years.

At the Hongkong Dispensary, on the 20th

May, 1895, the wife of F. P. BAYTALA, of a

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. G. C. C. Master has been appointed Acting

Crown Solicitor.

CAPTAIN W. C. H. Hastings, Reid, Comdr.

R.N., has been appointed Acting Harbour

Master.

ADMIRAL Buller arrived at Nagasaki on the

Alacrity on the 25th ultimo and relieved Vice-

Admiral Sir E. Fremantle on the 27th idem.

It is reported by *Le Progrès de Saigon* thatMonsieur A. Philippe, Manager of the *Banque**de l'Indo-Chine*, succumbed to a violent attack

of cholera at Saigon on the 25th ultimo.

M. PILINSKI, French *Chargé d'Affaires* at Bing-

kok, has received notice of his recall from his

post in Bangkok. M. Pilinski proceeds from

Bangkok to Saigon and thence to France, and



LORD Charles Bessborough recently said in the course of a speech that Japan in 40 years had passed through phases which occupied England 800 years, and had become the strongest naval Power in the East.

The following appeared in the *China Gazette* (Shanghai) on the 27th ultimo:—We have it upon the best authority that certain high Chinese dignitaries in Peking last week officially offered to hand over the entire Peking Region and Kowloon to Russia, and the islands on the coast of China to France and Germany. If these three Powers would assist China in her refusal to perform the undertakings she has given to Japan in the Baku Peace Treaty. What answer this extraordinary offer received our informant has not yet learned, but we will hear it in due course. We are also credibly informed that the Hon. Mr. Foster supports China in her refusal to pay any extra indemnity for the retrocession of Liaotung, being of opinion that subject should be settled between Japan and Russia. Mr. Foster's agreement has been extended until the end of June, and he only consented to go down to Formosa with Lord Li at the urgent solicitation of Li Hung-chang, who is afraid to trust his adopted son upon such a mission without some steady hand to keep him from running off the rails.

#### ALICE MEMORIAL AND NETHERSOL HOSPITAL.

Statistical for May, 1895.	A.M.H.	N.H.
In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st May	33	17
In-Patients admitted to Hospital during May	25	23
Total number treated as In-Patients	58	40
Of these there were:—		
Discharged cured	19	13
Discharged relieved	8	2
Discharged on other grounds	0	2
Died in Hospital	1	7
In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 31st May	30	17
Out-Patients, new cases	68	17
Out-Patients, return visits	713	25
Total number of Out-Patient visits	1,398	42

JOHN C. THOMSON, M.A., M.D., Superintendent.

#### MEDICAL INSPECTION AT BANGKOK.

The following telegram has been received from H.B.M.'s Minister at Bangkok in reply to an enquiry from His Excellency the Governor asking why vessels from Hongkong should be subjected to Medical inspection, as this Colony is free from sickness of an epidemic nature.

"Bangkok, June 4th.  
"Medical inspection will not be imposed on direct arrivals from Hongkong without touching infected port."  
(Signed) BUNSEN."

#### LAWN TENNIS.

HONGKONG V. CANTON.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE "CITY OF RAMS."

The return lawn tennis matches between representatives of Hongkong and Canton were played at Canton on Saturday and Sunday last, and resulted in victory for the "City of Rams." The following are the results:—

DOUBLES.

J. Wallace and H. Bent (Canton), beat C. M. Firth and C. W. Knox, R.B., (Hongkong), by three sets to love, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.

H. E. Tomkins and J. H. Perry, (Canton), beat Dr. Lawson and P. G. Anderson, H.K.R., (Hongkong), after a most exciting game by 2-6, 6-1, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

SINGLES.

J. Wallace (Canton) beat C. M. Firth (Hongkong), 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.

H. Bent (Canton) beat C. W. Knox, R.B. (Hongkong), 6-2, 7-5.

J. H. Perry (Canton) beat P. G. Anderson, H.K.R., (Hongkong), 6-0, 9-7.

#### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Indian (*Lightning*) 6th inst.  
American (*Gaule*) 8th inst.  
Australian (*Changha*) 13th inst.  
American (*City of Peking*) 21st inst.

The steamship *Kaiman*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore this morning for this port, and is due here on or about the 10th inst. She will call here en route to Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

The China Navigation Co.'s steamship *Changsha*, from Australia, left Port Darwin for this port yesterday, and is due here on or about the 13th inst.

The Or & O. S. S. Co.'s steamship *Belgic*, with mails, &c., which left Hongkong on May 9th for San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama, arrived at her destination on the 1st inst.

The silk steamer *Empress of India* was delivered in New York on the 3rd inst.

#### SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day

ARRIVALS.

Kong Beng, steamer from Swatow.  
Pha C. C. Kiao, " " " "  
Rohila, " " " "  
Emp. of China, " " " "  
Haitan, " " " "  
Daphne, " " " "  
Canton, " " " "

DEPARTURES.

Kong Beng, steamer for Swatow.  
Rohila, " " " "  
Maduff, " " " "  
Bumunne, " " " "  
Slam, " " " "  
Durotor, " " " "  
Strathmore, " " " "  
Murray, " " " "  
Kohila, " " " "  
Oceania, " " " "  
Rohila, " " " "  
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Aggregating 18,105 tons register.

The British steamship *Pha Chiu Chen* left for Hongkong on the 24th ultimo, and is due here on the 10th inst.

#### THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1895.

CHANG OF THE 28th. Experienced variable winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Haitan* left Foochow on the 31st ultimo, Amoy on the 2nd instant, and Swatow on the 3rd. From Foochow to Amoy had strong northerly winds and light rain. From Amoy to Swatow had light easterly winds and fine weather. From Swatow to Hongkong had light westerly breezes and dull cloudy weather with light showers. On the 31st ultimo passed the steamships *Fuk-yi* and *Prism* at Sharp Peak (Foochow). On the 2nd instant passed the steamships *Formosa*, *Bygdø*, and *Taihoang* at Amoy.

The British steamship *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 13th ultimo at 3:08 p.m., and proceeded towards Yokohama via Victoria. Experienced light to moderate variable winds and fine weather to the 18th meridian; thence to Yokohama had fresh to strong westerly winds and changeable weather with rain squalls. Arrived at Yokohama on the 26th ultimo at 5 p.m. Left Yokohama for Hongkong via Osaka, Nagasaki, and Woorung at 2:40 p.m. on the 27th, and had light variable winds and calms with fine weather to Woorung. Left Woorung at 4:10 p.m. on the 1st instant, and experienced light winds and calms with haze and fog banks to Ternabert; thence to Hongkong had moderate north-west monsoon with overcast weather and drizzling rain at times; arrived at Hongkong this morning.

#### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

in Kowloon Dock:  
*Rena Cristina* (cruiser) " "  
*Thalys* " " "  
*H.M.S. Llandud* " " "

The British barque *Alles Mary*, from Shanghai, passed Pakam (Bangkok) at 6:30 p.m. on the 22nd ultimo.

Telegraphic advices report that the *Saratov* left Hankow on the 25th ultimo for Odessa with a full cargo of new teas.

A Singapore "boy" in the service of Capt. Nicol of the *Good Luck* is reported by a Straits paper to have robbed his master of \$307.—That was bad luck for the master.

Captains navigating the Yangtze are reported to be asking when the authorities are going to replace the buoys and beacons which they so needlessly removed at the beginning of the war. Owing to the fog which prevails at this time of the year, the navigation of the Yangtze is more dangerous than usual, as the banks and marks on shore frequently cannot be seen.

Captain Ferguson has lately been transferred from the command of the steamer *Servia* to the *Eturika*. Going to the retirement of Commodore Jahn from the command of the *Campania*, Capt. Horatio McKiv of the *Lucania* becomes the Commodore of the Cunard fleet. Capt. Walker, formerly of the *Eturika*, has been promoted to the captaincy of the *Campania*.

The steamer *Gordon*, which arrived at Bangkok on the 20th ultimo, reported that twelve hours after leaving Singapore the second engineer, Mr. Martin, was discovered missing. A search was at once instituted, which led to the finding of his cup and the stump of a cigar close to the gangway. Mr. Martin was supposed to be on duty at the time and he was last seen at 3 o'clock. He had the habit of sitting on a rail, and it is supposed that he had overbalanced himself and fell overboard. Mr. Martin is a native of Vale of Leven and leaves a wife and two children in Australia to mourn his loss.

#### THE STEAMSHIP "TWINN."

Before taking up her leading berth in the harbour yesterday morning the German steamer *Twin* went for a trip to Lintin, after the completion of the very extensive repairs she has lately undergone at the Kowloon establishment of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. The repairs, which have been completed well within the contract time, were pronounced by experts to be thoroughly satisfactory and to reflect the greatest credit upon the Dock Company.

#### LETTERS FOR MERCHANT SHIPS.

It is stated in the *Government Gazette* of the 1st instant that letters and papers are lying at the Post Office addressed to the following vessels:—

Address.	Letter.	Post.
Australia	.....	.....
Abana	.....	.....
Albings	.....	.....
Birkham	.....	.....
Brundage	.....	.....
Chibston	.....	.....
Collector	.....	.....
Collins	.....	.....
Elcand	.....	.....
Fort Stuart	.....	.....
Fanny Schofield	.....	.....
Gensho	.....	.....
Geo. F. Mason	.....	.....
G. R. Booth	.....	.....
Helen Brue	.....	.....
Kitty	.....	.....
Lidokan	.....	.....
Morton	.....	.....
Maple Branch	.....	.....
Serrano	.....	.....
Velocity	.....	.....

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

#### THE CHINESE MANIFESTO.

To the Editors of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—Having been much interested in the letter signed "Fag Shih" published in last Saturday's issue, may one of the hated "Fan Kwei" among whom many of the devoted believers in Fag Shih was late and sleek (and sometimes get educated at Government expense) be permitted through the medium of your valuable columns to put a few questions:—

- (1)—If the suggestions of "Fag Shih" are carried into effect and Chinese manage their own affairs, will the soldiers be given furs and umbrellas, and will the officers be commanded to grow their finger-nails at least three inches long?
- (2)—Will the Generals in command choose a lucky day for giving battles?
- (3)—Will the Commanders, when choosing an opponent, be careful not to disturb the Dragon or the ghost of ancestors?
- (4)—Will "Fag Shih" guarantee that when emissaries are fortified the "Fag Shih" will not be interfered with?
- (5)—In the event of prisoners being captured, will disembowling, burning alive, dismembering, &c., go on as before?

Yours, etc.

ONE OF THE "FAN KWEI"

Hongkong, 4th June, 1895.

#### LATEST NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

THE NEW BOARD, AT PEKING.

SHANGHAI, May 28th.

The news which came from Peking on the 23rd inst., of the appointment of an Imperial Board to control the raising and management of foreign loans, is a step towards the consolidation of the Empire urgently called for. The new Board is to consist of eight members, four Chinese and four Manchus, and amongst the latter are the names of the Princes Ching and Kung. We are, however, sorry to notice on the list the name of Wang Tung-bo, the Emperor's Tutor; not that it seems to be any doubt as to the honesty of purpose of the latter, but that his anti-progressive ideas have been distinctly inimical to the welfare of the State. There is, however, some fear that in the multiplicity of the Imperial Board a new danger may arise, and that the machinery of Government may become too complicated to be effective. Already the Tung-II Yamen is found paralysing the action of the other Boards which have not been superseded, and which yet do not act in harmony with each other. The appointment of the Board is, of course, the result of the position given to Sir Robert Hart as negotiator of this loan, and has been apparently brought about by the action of the foreign Powers. Much will depend on the powers of this new Board, and whether it will be strong enough to act as a factor in placing in a proper position the finances of the Empire. The Board of Revenue would seem to be the proper body to take cognizance of all these details, but like the other older bodies it has outlived its utility.

The new Board is constituted as follows:—Prince Kung, Prince K'ing, Chang-lin, President of Board of Ceremonies; Ying Nien, President of Board of Works; Manchus; Sun Yu-wen, President of Board of War; Wang Tung-bo, President of Board of Revenue; Si Tung-yi, President of Board of Civil Office; Chang Chuan, Supervisor-General of Board of Civil Office.—*Mercury*.

#### CHINESE LOANS.

May 30th.  
The new Imperial Board at Peking has been charged with an examination into all the loans recently negotiated on the part of the Government. It is as well taking cognizance of all to be issued in the future. Under the authority intended to be granted to Sir Robert Hart has been rescinded, and the new office will take charge so far of all Imperial Revenues. Considerable delay took place in the organization of the Board in connection with the question of loans abroad, and the project was sincerely discussed of sending two Imperial Commissioners to Europe to enquire into the question of public loans, and to make arrangements. This would doubtless have been profitable for the Commissioners but was not likely to prove of any utility in China. It is likely that the loan was not getting on very well at the Government, and it is understood to have received favourable proposals from more than one quarter.

#### THE REVOLT NEAR SWATOW.

May 31st.  
A private letter from the city of Hanyang, thirty miles inland from Swatow, to a native hong at this port, confirms the news of the reported outbreak of the people at a place three days' journey from Swatow, published in these columns on Wednesday morning. The writer of the above letter declares that he himself saw that several thousand of the insurgents were well armed with magazine rifles and sword bayonets. Furthermore, that good discipline was kept and everything seemed to show that the organization was led by military officers who had studied foreign military tactics. It also appeared to the correspondent that there was a large number of returned emigrants from the United States, Australia and Malayan Islands amongst the insurgents, and that the wealth and knowledge brought back by the former compelled the respect and obedience of natives in all important matters. The Hanyang letter of the 28th inst. is only one-fifth of the whole, the rest being composed of natives of the prefectures of Chaochow (Swatow), Lintchow and the sub-prefecture of Chingchow. It seems that there has been a short rice supply in the above named prefectures and this caused large numbers of natives to flock to the insurgent banners. But the leaders of the movement are well-off and intelligent men, so it is feared that it will require all the force of the Two Kuangs to crush this insurrection.—*N. C. Daily News*.

#### CHANG CHIH-TUNG OPPOSED TO PEACE.

HIS MEMORIAL TO THE THRONE.

The following is the *Mercury's* translation of a telegraphic memorial sent by Viceroy Chang Chih-tung to the Throne, opposing the treaty of peace with Japan. The original was published by the *Sin Wen Pao*, Shanghai, on the 30th ultimo, and was procured only after long bargaining and at heavy cost.

"The members of the Tung-II Yamen were much disappointed on learning of the Treaty as they are mostly in favour of granting the demands of Japan. I feel sure they have sufficiently advised Your Majesty, but I cannot, consistently with my duty, forever offering a new law to Your Majesty, as I feel sure the Japanese propose to retain Port Arthur and Lintchow. These places are the key to the Peking, and if in the hands of the enemy that door is shut. If in the future we procure a good navy, where can we have naval harbours and docks? If the enemy have their navy in these places, being too greedy they can at any time break the peace, and at night of the day they start be at Tientsin, Taku and Shanhaikwan. If they choose to march on Chiao they are much nearer to Peking than we are. The Japanese are too great, and the Formosans are unwilling to surrender that island; consequently trouble will surely ensue. If the treaty be signed. In that case we will be blamed for breaking the newly-signed treaty, so we do not know whether it would not be better to fight to the last moment. The nature of the Japanese is different from other foreigners, and they seem devoid of kindness. Hence we expect further danger. I am sure your Majesty saw we wish everything well and think by signing the treaty to rescue the capital and end the present difficulties. According to the treaty we seem to be governed by the Japanese. Though it is now difficult to obtain arms from foreign countries, we have arsenals in various provinces in which we can make enough for further resistance. We should at once raise further loans from the people and build railways in the interior so as to more quickly transfer our soldiers and supplies. If we allow the Japanese to occupy these places, then our preparations will be watched by them. Our navy will be hopeless, and our army cannot improve. Then how can we govern our country and attain revenge? After the peace we must protect the 3,000 li of the border of the surrendered territory. After paying the indemnity, how can we meet the expenses of this? If manufactures be established by the Japanese, how will our artisans obtain their living? They will soon become poor, and the people will be poor, how can the Government become rich? Foreign countries will look on us as small, and the people will complain of the Government. Foreign nations will distrust us, and rebellions will be sure to break out. I think Li Hung-chang and Li Ching-long must have been dreaming when they made peace, and I think they should not have such a treaty. Though I, Chang Chih-tung, be short of ability, yet I understand I the words 'faithful to my country' and I dare not speak lightly to Your Majesty. I fear me that in case the treaty be signed, not only will not peace be enjoyed, but Peking will be in danger. I hope Your Majesty will place this memorial before the Princes. My idea is that we should at once consult England, Russia and Germany, and ask them to march on our present difficulties, by making a *joint* treaty with them, promising them whatever they desire, if necessary."

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#### CHINESE IMPERIAL DECREE.

THE EMPEROR'S OPINION OF HIS ARMY.  
HE IS CONVINCED OF SOME OFFICIAL BACKSLIDING.

#### THE EMPIRE TO AGAIN BECOME POWERFUL.

The following is an official copy of an Imperial Decree dated May 28th, 1895:—"Since the negotiations for peace were concluded, most of the Ministers and officials of the departments have memorialized that territory ought not to be ceded, and that an indemnity should not be paid, and they have advised me to reject the Treaty which has been signed, in order to strengthen the once shaken national feeling of the people and to confront the present critical situation of the Empire. This advice was no doubt inspired by the situation and national sentiment of the memorialists. But they could hardly comprehend the propriety of my adopting such a step after I had taken into deliberate and comprehensive consideration the present state of affairs."

"Since peace was suddenly and unexpectedly broken last year, the utmost exertion was set forth to raise troops and collect war funds. But our commanders were not of the best selection, and our soldiers, who were without proper training and enlisted indelicately without the slightest system, were no better than a mere rabble. Consequently not a single battle was won either on land or at sea. The recent situation in Liaotung was most critical. An advance in Liaotung and an attack on our metropolitan province were not unlikely events. Considering that the ancestral tombs are in Liaotung, and that Peking, being the capital of the Empire, is the real foundation of our dynasty; considering that if the tranquil enjoyment of the Emperor the Empress Dowager, which has been observed with the highest dignity and reverence, once disturbed, such a calamity could never be averted, and considering that it has pleased heaven to give us warning, for great sea waves have washed away many of our troops posted along the coast, rendering both offensive and defensive operations more difficult; Having, therefore, deliberated over the situation day and night, even weeping on My throne, and pondered over the disadvantages of peace with those of war, I have at last come to My final decision. The officials of the departments have never once alluded in their memorials to the difficulties above mentioned, to which every subject of the Empire ought to give full consideration. I, therefore, reject the Treaty, and make it public, so that every one may see My reasons for taking such a step."

"Hereafter I expect that every subject in the Empire will persevere in striving to sweep away all evil practices of long standing. And I earnestly expect that every subject will give his utmost attention and exertions to the organization of the army, and to raising the funds to pay the expenses of the war, without becoming indifferent, without pursuing expedient methods, without neglecting the slightest duty, and without following beaten tracks, and will do everything with thoroughness and rectitude, in order to make the Empire once more powerful. Compliance with all these conditions I expect from every subject in the Empire."—*Mercury*.

#### NEWS BY THE CANADIAN MAIL.

PARIS, May 31st.

*Le Matin* remarks:—"Chang has occurred in the recent history of Europe. England and Japan lay down the law. If Christians are to be taken out of the fire there will also be large places taken out of certain months, and this is only the beginning."

*Le Soleil* touches on the Eastern question with the following suggestion:—"The services rendered Russia and Germany in securing a revision of the treaty should result in cession of the Pescadore Islands to France, since the presence there of the Japanese is as menacing to Russia as they would be to Port Arthur to Russia."

*Figaro* this morning, commenting on the attitude of the United States towards Japan, says:—"What prevented the United States from joining England at the time of the intervention of the three Powers in the East was not indifference towards Japan, which has now become a great Power, but a desire to remain faithful to the traditional policy. The United States would not raise an objection to Japan, while the Gulf of Peking. The attitude declared the United States when the three Powers did not recognize the treaty of Shimonoseki."

CHICAGO, May 10th.  
Bob Fitzsimmons is talking angry because erratic Jim Corbett has thrown him down for a match with the black man, Jackson. He declares that Corbett must give him the first fight according to the agreement.

LONDON, May 10th.  
The directors of the National Sporting Club will decide on Tuesday whether they will accept a challenge for a fight between James J. Corbett and Peter Jackson. Matchmaker Fleming has authority to decide such an important matter.

LONDON, May 10th.  
The House of Commons to-day adopted the proposal made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, when he presented the Budget on May 2nd, re-imposing a duty of 6d. per gallon on beer, which will convert the duty on the same from 1s. 6d. into 2s. 6d. The duty on stout will be 1s. 6d. and on wine 2s. 6d.

Friends of the greatest nature have been discovered in the payroll of the Department of Public Works by Commissioner Kent. Dead men, the Commissioners say, have been enrolled as labourers and their names forged on time checks, names also were duplicated and addresses located where there were vacant jobs. All these are now in possession of Commissioner Kent and in course of preparation for submission to the legal department of the city for prosecution. It is estimated that a million dollars have been stolen from the city in this manner.

Toronto, May 11th.  
Barriest Joseph Donovan has entered an action against the *Evening Telegram* for alleged libel. He claims \$50,000.

Spencer Adams, May 11th.  
A dispatch from Washington, dated May 11th, states that the President has been informed that a treaty for peace between the United States and Spain has been signed by the United States and Spain.

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WASHINGTON, May 1st.  
The departure of Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador, for Europe early next month will probably result in the postponement of action in the proposed Behring Sea commission, the arbitration of the Venezuelan question, and other pending subjects in which the United States is concerned, until the Ambassador returns in the fall. The Venezuelan commission may continue through the summer, but no decisive developments closing the question or bringing it to a crisis in which this country may be required to act are expected until autumn. In the meantime, Senator Andrade, the Venezuelan minister, will go away for the summer.  
(To be continued.)

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

"General" Booth is planning to send a colony of 10,000 persons to Canada.

Lois Kershall called *the Sermon on the Mount* the people's constitution.

Miss Grey Chies, attaché of the Chinese embassy at Washington, rides a bicycle.

Prince Hugo, the Duke of Sora, was become a priest, after studying theology for two years.

Cardinal Gibbons has been summoned from the United States to Rome and was to sail in May.

Stanley, "the emperor of baritone," was pushed into antebirth by Stanley's Singing Master.

Eugene Eugenie has nearly completed her memoirs, which are not to be published till after her death.

"Without any exception," writes one who met Swabern, "he is the most brilliant talker I ever heard."

Professor Ball says the actual momentum of some of the finest meteoric is equivalent to that of a cannon ball.

The King of Italy is credited with dispensing more charity than any other of the crowned heads of Europe.

Made Howe Elliott says Salvini once told her that he was always ill and unserved the day after playing Othello.

Only five different speakers have presided over the House of Commons during the long reign of Queen Victoria.

A London woman, Mrs. Weston, was recently sent to jail for two months for cruelly overworking her omnibus horse.

Captain Patrick de MacMahon, the son of the illustrious Marshal of that name, is one of the volunteers for the Madagascar expedition.

The head of Bismarck will adorn the next issue of German coinage. Everybody will be glad to have the old warrior in his pocket.

Mr. Macdonald is the literary lion of London. He writes delightful short stories, each of which is as 'meaty' as the average 400-page novel.

The "Rigby" medal of the Royal Geographical Society has been conferred upon Charles D. Walcott of the United States Geological Survey.

The Earl of Arundel, heir to the Dukedom of Norfolk, the oldest, proudest and richest peerage in England, is deaf, dumb, blind and an imbecile.

Robert Johnson, aged 68, has been admitted to the Forrest Home. In his palmy days he played with Charlotte Cushman and Edwin Forrest.

Mr. Stead, Editor of the *Review and Reviewer*, is said to be writing a novel with the title of "A Maiden's Progress Through Modern Babylon."

Major von Wisman, the famous African explorer, who has been spending the winter at Naples, proposes to take up his permanent residence in Berlin.

Mme. Deslin, who died at Calais, recently, was famous as the landlady of the Hotel Deslin, where Laurence Sterne wrote his "Sentimental Journey."

Mr. J. Willmington, sculptor, has executed a bust of the late Lord Tennyson in marble, in the order of the Queen, to be placed in the grand corridor of Windsor Castle.

Julius Verne, though in his seventy-ninth year, works for five hours a day. He is now engaged upon a story for 1897, and he has five manuscripts ready for the printers.

Thomas A. Edison, the electrician, is one of the few poker players who invariably win. His opponents accuse him of possessing a mysterious power to see through cards.

Stanley Hardy's novel, "Toss of the d'Urbervilles," is to be dramatized, with Mrs. Patrick Campbell in the title-role. It ought to make a powerful and entrancing play.

General Trochu, the military governor of Paris during the siege of that city in 1871, is reported to be very feeble and near his end. He is living in retirement at Tours.

carry the mails into the mountains to distances that occupy them three or four hours.

Mormonism. The champion jockey, Morimormon Cannon, the champion jockey, was born in 1873. The news of this interesting event was brought to his father in a telegram which was handed to him just as he was slumbering from a horse named Mormonism, which had just won the Bath and Somerset Stakes.

Comte de Chambrun has given property yielding \$14,000 a year to found a *musee social* in Paris as a memorial of his wife



